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Letter dated 27 May 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Following the consultations of the Security Council today on the implementation of standards by Kosovo's Provisional Institutions, and as indicated in my report to the Security Council on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2005/335 and Corr.1), it is my intention to appoint Ambassador Kai Eide, Permanent Representative of Norway to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, as my Special Envoy to undertake the comprehensive assessment. Ambassador Eide's previous experience with the United Nations and his in-depth knowledge of the Balkans make him the ideal person for this endeavour.

The comprehensive review, which will be initiated this summer, will be carried out in accordance with resolution 1244 (1999) and the relevant presidential statements of the Security Council. As I stated in my recent report, the comprehensive review should consist of consultations with the parties and the international community and have a broad scope in order to assess the current situation and the conditions for the possible next steps in the process. It should look at the actual political realities as well as the formal preconditions for launching the future status process on the basis of continuing and effective progress towards implementation of the standards.

I should be grateful if you would bring this appointment to the attention of the other members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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